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In re the application of:

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Group Art Unit: 1617

Title: TRIFUNCTIONAL REAGENT FOR CONJUGATION TO A BIOMOLECULE

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

A response to the Office Action dated August 27, 2003 (Paper No. 22) was due by November 27, 2003. A Petition for Extension of Time (three months, small entity) is enclosed, extending the date to February 27, 2004. Therefore, please accept this Amendment as timely filed and fully responsive.

In response to Paper No. 22, kindly amend the above-identified patent application as follows: